I. Act concerning the Service-Book, Book of Canons, Book of Ordination, and the High Commission.

I. The Assembly having diligently considered the Book of Common-prayer, lately obtruded upon the reformed Kirk within this Realm, both in respect of the Manner of the introducing thereof, and in respect of the Matter which it containeth, findeth, that it hath been devised, and brought in by the pretended Prelates, without Direction from the Kirk, and pressed upon Ministers without Warrant from the Kirk, to be universally received, as the only Form of Divine Service, under all highest Pains, both Civil and Ecclesiastical; and the Book itself, beside the Popish Frame and Forms in Divine Worship, to contain many Popish Errors and Ceremonies, and the Seeds of manifold and gross Superstition and Idolatry. The Assembly, therefore, all in one Voice, hath rejected and condemned, and by these Presents doth reject and condemn the said Book, not only as illegally introduced, but also as repugnant to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Order of this reformed Kirk, to the Confession of Faith, Constitutions of General Assemblies, and Acts of Parliament establishing the true Religion; and doth prohibite the Use and Practice thereof: And ordain Presbyteries to proceed with the Censure of the Kirk against all such as shall transgress.

II. The Assembly also, taking to their Consideration the Book of Canons, and the Manner how it hath been introduced, findeth, that it hath been devised by the pretended Prelates, without Warrant or Direction from the General Assembly; and to establish a tyrannical Power in the Persons of the pretended Bishops, over the Worship of God, Mens Consciences, Liberties and Goods; and to overthrow the whole Discipline and Government of the General and Synodical Assemblies, Presbyteries, and Sessions, formerly established in our Kirk.

Therefore the Assembly, all in one Voice, hath rejected and condemned, and by these Presents, doth reject and condemn the said Book, as contrair to the Confession of our Faith, and repugnant to the established Government, the Book of Discipline, and the Acts and Constitutions of our Kirk; prohibites the Use and Practice of the same; and ordains Presbyteries to proceed with the Censure of the Kirk, against all such as shall transgress.